

**Florida International University
College of Engineering and Computing
Faculty Council on Governance (FCG)**

Minutes for Meeting on October 20th, 2011

Attendees (in alphabetical order): Amaury Caballero (ECE), Shu-Ching Chen (SCIS), Arindam Chowdhury (CEE), Jason Liu (SCIS), Anthony McGoron (BME, in place for Anuradha Godavarty), Walter Tang (CEE), Ibrahim Tansel (MME), Nikolaos Tsoukias (BME), Igor Tsukanov (MME), Yimin Zhu (CM).

Guests: Associate Dean Norman Munroe.

1. Elections

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ibrahim Tansel.
- The council unanimously elected Dr. Ibrahim Tansel as the chair, Dr. Walter Tang as the co-chair.
- Dr. Jason Liu will take minutes for the FCG meetings.

2. Meeting Schedule

- FCG meetings will be held on Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 8, and Apr 12, at 3:40-5:00 PM in EC 2300.

3. Report from Dean's Office (Dr. Norman Munroe)

- 1) *Undergraduate advisors.* The plan (promoted by Dr. Nicolson) is to add two undergraduate advisors in order to reduce student/advisor ratio.
- 2) *Writing Across Curriculum Initiative.* The initiative is currently under implementation. CEC selected three courses: Technology Human Society, Design 1, and Electrical Engineering.
- 3) *Mathematics Across Curriculum Initiative.* Dr. Masoud Milani is going to lead this effort.
- 4) *College Hiring.* The College is going to hire 33 new faculty members to accommodate the increasing enrollment. The increase is anticipated to be 2000 students per year in the next five years. About cluster hiring, Dr. Norman Munroe said we should look into "hot areas", and consider overlap between departments. Dr. Walter Tang suggested we look into the national technology trends.

4. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- 1) *Recruiting students.* Dr. Walter Tang said Chinese students could bring significant revenue since many are going to pay by themselves. Faculty or department should benefit from bringing in these students.
- 2) *College IT Committee.* Dr. Anthony McGoron brought up the suggestion by the EIC to set up a college IT committee as a bridge between faculty and the IT staff.
- 3) *Courtesy appointment.* Dr. Shu-Ching Chen suggested consideration of setting up basic rules/guidelines for department's courtesy appointment.
- 4) *Faculty Senate Reporting.* The pros and cons of getting a report about the Faculty Senate activities were discussed.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.